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March 10, 1982

Mr. Dale C. Jones  
DISTRICT MINING SUPERVISOR  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

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Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed are two copies of our Drill Hole Reclamation Project Status Report for the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. This information is being submitted as per your letter of January 22, 1982 (item 11) regarding temporary abandonment procedures under the provisions of 30 CFR 231.40 and 231.41.

Should any further questions come up please contact Mr. Meade Stirland.

Sincerely,

R. D. Lynn  
GENERAL MANAGER

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# DRILL HOLE RECLAMATION PROJECT STATUS REPORT

As of February 12, 1982

## ANACONDA MINERALS COMPANY

The drill hole reclamation project began in June of 1978 and will continue to March 31, 1982. The drill hole location, and abandonment program is part of our overall Reclamation Plan that will soon be submitted. The drill hole rehabilitation program will resume when full scale reclamation activities began at the Jackpile-Paguate mine.

Approximately 23,300 development and exploration holes have been drilled on the Jackpile-Paguate mining leases. Since June 1978, when the drill hole reclamation project started, 5627 holes have been located. The status of these holes are as follows:

Holes covered or filled by natural weathering	3228
Holes plugged by Anaconda	<u>2399</u>
Total	5627

### Drill Holes Plugged By Year

June 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978	829
January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979	508
January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980	395
January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981	481
January 1, 1982 to February 12, 1982	<u>186</u>
	2399

The majority of the remaining holes have been obliterated by mining and mining related activities. The number of obliterated holes is not presently known. However, an estimate of the number of such holes will be made following further review of Anaconda drilling records and by field investigation.

There are a number of drill holes that have neither been obliterated by mining activities nor have they been plugged. These holes will be identified through field investigations and a review of Anaconda drilling records and upon resumption of full reclamation activities at the Jackpile-Paguate mine, these holes will be plugged.

Plugging of drill holes was accomplished by filling the upper 5 feet of the hole with concrete. The 5 foot depth is measured from the hole collar or the surface of the ground. The concrete used consists of a 5:1 mixture, 3 sand, 2 gravel and 1 cement, with sufficient water. The gravel size is 3/4 inch or less.

The majority of the drill site pits (water recirculation sumps) have been covered on the mining leases. The few remaining pits will be covered when full scale reclamation activities begin at the mine.

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March 8, 1982

Mr. Dale C. Jones  
District Mining Supervisor  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
500 Gold Avenue, S.W.  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87102

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in response to Paragraph 2 of your March 2, 1982 letter.

In the event we do place a temporary earthen plug at the portal of the P-10 decline, Anaconda will remove that plug and conduct reclamation procedures which result from the negotiations between ourselves and other appropriate parties.

Sincerely,

R. D. Lynn  
General Manager

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March 4, 1982

Mr. David Sitzler  
District Mining Office  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
500 Gold Avenue, S.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125

Dear Mr. Sitzler:

The information you requested by telephone today  
is as follows:

1. The total production from all of the open pit  
and underground mining operations at the  
Jackpile-Paguate Mine, from inception through  
February, 1982, as received and liquidated  
at processing mills, is estimated to be,  
pro forma:

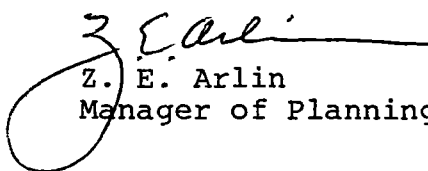
25,701,000 dry short tons  
0.192 %  $U_3O_8$  average grade  
98,524,000 contained pounds of  $U_3O_8$

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2. The maximum peak employment at the Jackpile-  
Paguate Mine was reached during March, 1980,  
when a total of 799 hourly and salary persons  
were employed in the open pit and underground  
mining operations.

The above information is not yet finalized, but  
it may be considered to be reasonably accurate for  
general considerations.

Respectfully,

  
Z. E. Arlin  
Manager of Planning

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Mr. Dale C. Jones  
District Mining Supervisor  
Minerals Management Service  
Room 116, Federal Building  
500 Gold Avenue, S.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

Dear Dale:

This will confirm that the last shipments of ore from Anaconda Leases No. 1 and No. 4 with the Pueblo of Laguna occurred February 12, 1982.

All of the ore removed from the leases has been milled. However, shipments of yellowcake recovered from ore removed from the leases is expected to continue through 1983 under the terms of a long-term sales contract. Royalty payments and annual audits will continue until such time as shipments and final assays have been completed.

Sincerely,

R. D. Lynn  
General Manager

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